

FACT SHEET

Youth Smoking Prevalence

- Wyoming has the seventh highest smoking prevalence for youth in the United States.¹
- Wyoming (17%) is in a statistical tie with South Dakota and Montana for the highest youth smoking prevalence in the region.¹

Youth Smoking Prevalence by State, 2013¹

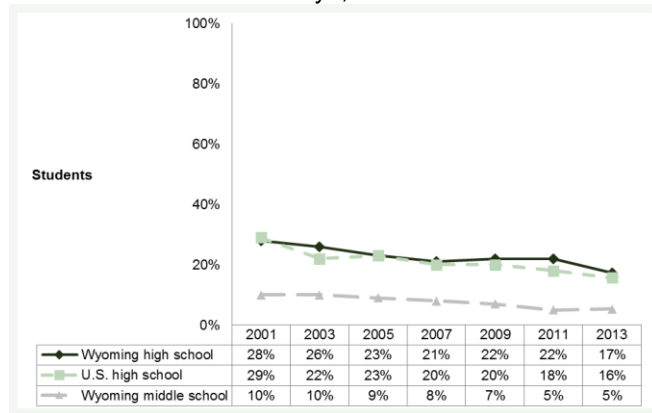
Location	Percentage
Wyoming	17%*
South Dakota	17%*
United States [†]	16%
Colorado	—
Montana	15%*
Nebraska	11%
Idaho	12%
Utah	4%

Note. 2013 data are not available for Colorado. In 2011, youth smoking prevalence in Colorado was 16%.¹

Trends in Youth Smoking Prevalence[†]

- The percentages of Wyoming and U.S. high school students who had smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days dropped between 2001 and 2013.^{1, 2}
- Between 2001 and 2013, the percentage of Wyoming middle school students who had smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days dropped by half.²

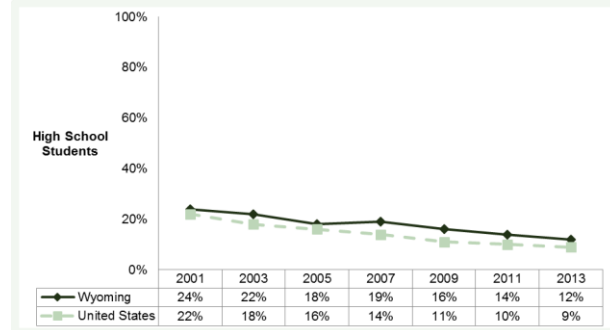
Percentage of Students Who Smoked Cigarettes on One or More of the Past 30 Days, 2001–2013^{1, 2}



Youth Smoking Initiation before Age 13

Smoking initiation is defined as the age at which a person first smokes one whole cigarette. The percentage of Wyoming and U.S. high school students who smoked one whole cigarette before turning 13 declined between 2001 and 2013.^{1, 2}

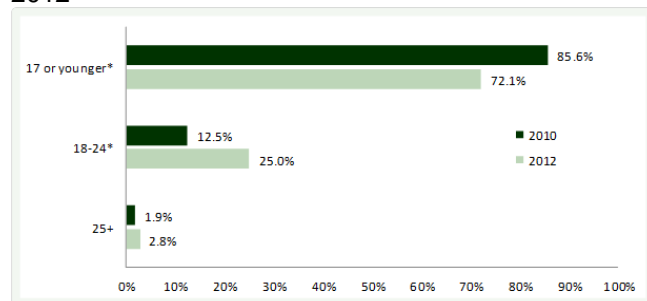
High School Students Who First Smoked a Whole Cigarette before the Age of 13, 2001–2013^{1, 2}



Adult Smokers' Age of Initiation

Most Wyoming adults who are or have been regular smokers began smoking before the legal age of 18. Among current smokers, the age of initiation appears to be increasing.³ Regular smokers, former smokers, and experimental smokers (adults who had not smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime but had tried cigarette smoking) are unlikely to have smoked their first cigarette after the age of 24.³

Wyoming Adult Smokers and Smoking Initiation, by Age, 2012³



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* Statistically tied

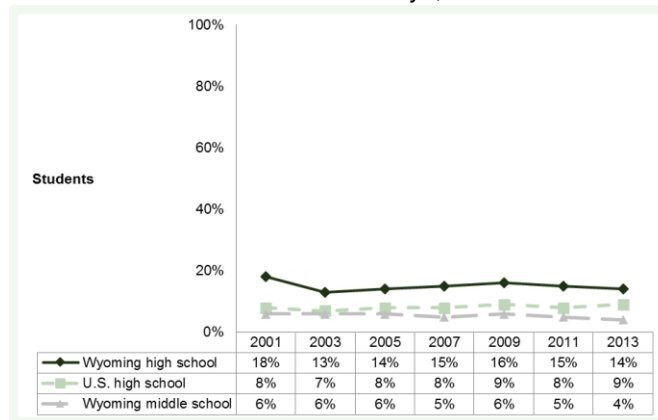
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Youth Smokeless Tobacco Use[‡]

- Based on use during the 30 days prior to being surveyed, smokeless tobacco use in Wyoming was more common among high school students (14%)¹ than among adults reporting “current” use (8%).⁴
- Smokeless tobacco use in Wyoming was also more common among young men (22%) than young women (6%).¹
- Since 2001, youth smokeless tobacco use prevalence has been higher in Wyoming than in the nation overall, especially in Wyoming young men.^{1,3}

Percentage of Students Who Used Smokeless Tobacco on One or More of the Past 30 Days, 2001–2013^{1,3}



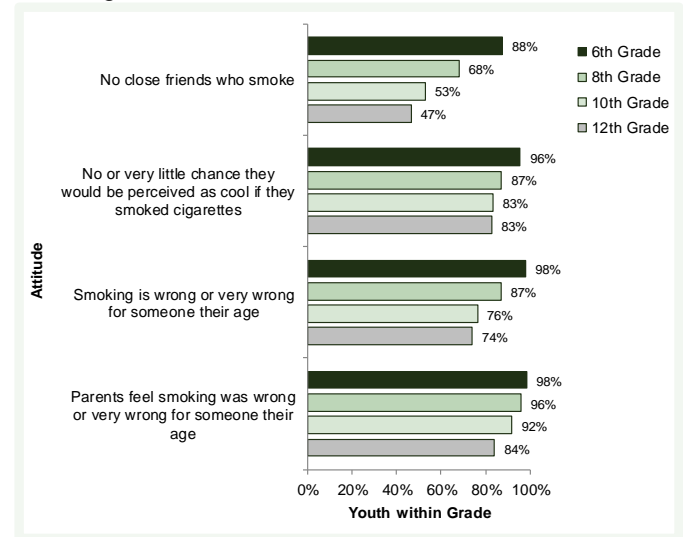
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Attitudes about Cigarette Smoking

Wyoming students in higher grades had less negative attitudes toward smoking than the students in lower grades. Most 6th, 8th, and 10th grade students reported they had no close friends who smoked. Most students in all grades reported:⁵

- There was no or very little chance they would be seen as cool if they smoked cigarettes.
- It was wrong or very wrong for someone their age to smoke cigarettes.
- Their parents felt it was wrong or very wrong for someone their age to smoke cigarettes.

Wyoming Students' Attitudes Regarding Cigarette Smoking, 2012⁵



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³ WYSAC. (2014). *Report on the 2012 Wyoming Adult Tobacco Survey*, by M. Kato, L. H. Despain, & T. Comer Cook. (WYSAC Technical Report No. CHES-1408). Laramie, WY: Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center, University of Wyoming.

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